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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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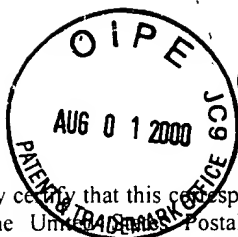
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Our Case No. 285/502

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Daniel J. Mattson et al.

Serial No. 09/558,386

Filing Date: April 25, 2000

For SYSTEM FOR DETECTING AND
RELEASING A PERSON LOCKED
IN THE TRUNK OF A VEHICLE

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed July 12, 2000, enclosed is the required executed Declaration for the Patent Application and a check in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the required fee. Also enclosed is the required copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

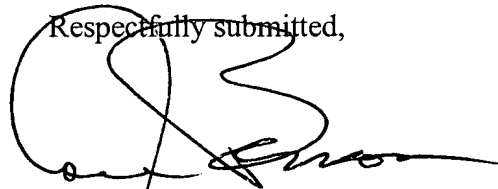
Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to correct an error in the filing date reported on the Notice to File Missing Parts. The Notice incorrectly states that the filing date is

April 26, 2000. While this is the date that the application was received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the application was actually filed one day earlier on April 25, 2000 which is the date that the application was forwarded to the Office by United States Express Mail.

Attached is a copy of the first page of the subject nonprovisional application which indicates a date of deposit of April 25, 2000 and an Express Mail mailing label number EL448311643US. Also enclosed is a photocopy of a return receipt postcard that indicates the April 25 mailing date and the April 26 date of receipt in the Patent and Trademark Office. Also enclosed is a photocopy of Applicants' Express Mail receipt, which indicates a "DATE IN" at the post office on April 25, 2000. Applicants respectfully maintain that these documents demonstrate that the correct filing date is April 25, 2000. The records of the Patent and Trademark Office should therefore be corrected to report this filing date. The correct April 25, 2000 filing date is noted on the enclosed Declaration of the inventors with the title and serial number of this nonprovisional application.

Applicants therefore request entry of the attached Declaration and correction of the filing date to April 25, 2000. An early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel W. Benson", written over a horizontal line.

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